

EJ Summit

Friday, October 20th

Moderator – Henry Lancaster, former Deputy Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs for NC DENR.

- He'll provide our bio.
- 5:15 Four community people come to the mic and share concerns: duplin, bladen, pender, Sampson
- 5:45 We (about 10 representatives from state government) each have 3 minutes to respond. (Share what my role is to address issues, share something about my work community would want to know.)
 - Jeremy Tarr, Governor's Office
 - Shelia Holman, DEQ Assistant Secretary
 - Michael Abraczinskas, DEQ, Director, Division of Air Quality
 - Ellen Lorscheider, DEQ, Solid Waste Section Chief
 - Representative Robert Reives, NC Legislature
 - Representative Amos Quick III, NC Legislature
 - Reuben Blackwell, Rocky Mount City Council
 - Waiting to confirm a few more legislators
- 6:15 Q&A with community members and panelists
- 6:30 Mingling/depart

Comment [OJ1]: Do you need to go first or is this not in order? Might suggest someone else goes first

Comment [OJ2]: How does he pronounce his name?!

Talking Points (3 minutes)

- Express appreciation for the community members' prior comments
 - Thank you for sharing so honestly with us.
 - All families deserve to have confidence in their drinking water
- Explain my role
 - Policy advisor. Advise Governor's Office and Administration on energy, environment, transportation issues. DNCR?
- Public input is important to the Administration. support and concerns are important factors in the Administration's decision making
- To that end, part of my job is to
 - Be aware of current issues in the areas I help cover issues that are important to you
 - Understand what y-issues are important to you and other constituents
 - Think about opportunities for addressing your concerns Digest information and relay your concerns/experiences internally
 - Recommend experts in the Cabinet agencies whom you can connect with to discuss issues that are important to you. Connect you with departments so that they can hear your concerns first hand and share critical information with you
- Ways I engage with stakeholders
 - Phone calls and meetings with community members, organizations, and businesses
 - Receive letters from constituents and organizations on various topics

Comment [OJ3]: I might just say you interact in many ways with many types of stakeholders – public, non-profit, business, etc. (nothing wrong with what you have but it may lead to more letters, etc (to reply to...))

- Join meetings with departments and stakeholders on specific topics
 - Public forums
- I have met with some of you already. I look forward to an ongoing dialogue with you. Feel free to reach out to me.

Potential Q&A Topics

CAFOS

- It's helpful to hear your concerns.
- Governor vetoed the private nuisance bill. Legislature overrode the veto.
 - Law caps damage awards in nuisance lawsuits involving hog farms at the reduction in FMV of the property affected or the fair rental value
 - Gov Statement: "The agriculture and forestry industries are vital to our economy and we should encourage them to thrive. But nuisance laws can be used to protect property rights and make changes for good. We used nuisance laws to force the Tennessee Valley Authority to stop air pollution from flowing into North Carolina and we won damages to improve air quality. Special protection for one industry opens the door to weakening our nuisance laws in other areas which can allow real harm to homeowners, the environment and everyday North Carolinians."

GenX

- Families deserve to have confidence in their drinking water.
- ~~Governor administration~~ actions
 - Got the company to stop discharging compounds into the Cape Fear River
 - ~~Gov~~ Directed his administration to investigate the discharge of GenX and other compounds
 - Directed HHS and DEQ to work to...
 - Determine current concentration levels, which are now below the GenX health goal
 - Establish a health goal for GenX
 - Understand historic exposure and impacts
 - Explore and pursue legal remedies
 - Identify other contaminants being discharged
 - How to address the larger issues of emerging contaminants
 - Make sure residents with wells contaminated by GenX get drinking water
 - Talked with federal leadership at CDC and EPA to secure their support about the issue
 - ~~Convened establish~~ an expanded Science Advisory Board – toxicologists, public health experts, and others
 - to look at GenX and other emerging compounds
 - SAB will also look at hexavalent chromium
 - First meeting on October 23 (Monday)

Comment [OJ4]: Hasn't met yet

Coal Ash

- Families deserve to have confidence in their drinking water

- Duke Energy can solve immediate and long-term concerns of families with well water tainted by coal ash by connecting them with municipal drinking water

Comment [OJ5]: Have “we” said this?

- Larger issue: must safely deal with existing coal ash while moving toward other sources of energy so less coal ash is being produced.

ACP

- DEQ and other departments are reviewing state permit applications and ensuring they have all information needed to evaluate the applications against permit criteria established by federal and state law.
- It has been helpful to hear the concerns and I have shared them with our team ~~have heard many concerns by community members and relayed them to the Governor~~, I know that the ~~including~~ concerns ~~include about lower~~ property values, explosions, air pollution, minimal job creation, noise from the proposed compressor station, etc.